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RESOLUTION 09-27-12 OPPOSITION TO SPORT/RECREATIONAL HUNTING OF GRAY WOLVES

WHEREAS, the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) is established by the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and

WHEREAS, the five member Tribes have joined together in CORA to jointly manage and regulate the natural resources, which are subject to the Tribes' usufructuary rights to hunt, fish and gather, as reserved by them in Article XIII of the Treaty of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491), and

WHEREAS, the existence of the Tribes' usufructuary rights are recognized and adjudicated in *United States v. Michigan*, Case No. 2:73-cv-26 (W.D. Mich.), and by a Consent Decree entered on November 2, 2007, mandates consultation between the Tribes and the State on management and regulatory matters, including allocation, regarding any species which is being considered as amenable to harvest, and

WHEREAS, the gray wolf is a culturally significant species with a seminal role in Ojibwe and Odawa culture, deriving from its place in the creation story as a brother and companion to the Original Man, and by the linkage made by the Creator between the two, causing the fate of one to mirror the other, and

WHEREAS, the gray wolf has only recently been reestablished in the State of Michigan after suffering near-extinction through the management decisions of the State and its agencies, and is the subject of an unimplemented wolf management plan developed with the assistance of tribal representatives to manage, protect and enhance the role of this species as critical to the balance, sustainability and diversity of forest communities and ecosystems in the State, and

WHEREAS, the gray wolf is not an appropriate species for subsistence harvest, and there is no scientific evidence that this socially complex pack animal is capable of being hunted for sport or recreation in a sustained manner, and

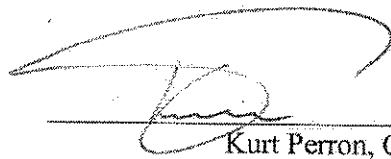
WHEREAS, Michigan law already contains adequate means by which wolf/human interactions can be controlled and monitored, including measures to reduce livestock depredation and control of problem wolves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CORA is opposed to any change in the laws of the State of Michigan by which the gray wolf is designated as a game species and a wolf hunting season is allowed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CORA opposes enactment of H.B. 5834.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Chairman of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted and approved by a telephone poll taken the 9th day of October, 2012, with a quorum present and with a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining and 1 absent.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kurt Perron', is written over a horizontal line.

Kurt Perron, Chairman
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